Prevention and detection of crime is the constitutional responsibility of the State Governments and as such, Ministry of Railways has to depend largely on them for control of crime over Railways.

However, to provide better security to the travelling passengers in trains and passenger areas, Railways is supplementing the efforts of the State Governments in controlling crime on the Railways by deploying Railway Protection Force staff to escort trains. To prevent offences against women in trains, Special Surakshini/Tejaswani Squads have also been fromed consisting of women ticket checking staff (Wherever available) and women staff of Railway Protection Force (RPF)/Government Railway Police (GRP). As far as possible, the trains in affected sections are escorted by armed police personnel during night hours. During the period from July 2004 to December 2005, the Railway Protection Force has prosecuted 12,61,990 persons under the Railways Act, including 61,223 number of cases of males travelling in women's compartments. In the same period, 22 cases of offences against women were also detected by the RPF with arrest of 20 offenders who were handed over to the GRP concerned for further legal action.

**New Railway projects in Maharashtra**

2547. SHRITARIQ ANWAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the new railway projects in Maharashtra and the surveys conducted in that regard alongwith the progress made in these projects;

(b) the funds allocated for these projects, so far, and the amount spent;

(c) whether the State Government has requested for a special pacakage from the Central Government to complete these projects; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI NARANBHAI RATHWA): (a) and (b) The details of ongoing projects alongwith expenditure incurred, present position and targets wherever fixed are as under:

*(Rs. In crore)*

| SI. No. | Details of the ongoing projects | Km. | Anti-cipated cost | Expen-diture up to March 2005 | Outlay during 2005-06 | Present position of the project and likely date of completion wherever fixed. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| **New Lines** | | | | | | |
| 1. | Ahmednagar-Beed-Parlie Vaijnath | 261-25 | 353.08 | 13.31 | 10.38 | Final location survey completed. Land acquisition completed in 15 km. length (Ahmednagar-Narayandoh section) where 71% earthwork, I major and 10 minor bridges completed. |
| 2. | Amravati-Narkher | 138 | 284.27 | 128 | 17.00 | Contracts for minor and major bridges awarded. Earthwork taken up. Section from Amravati to Chandur Bazar (44 kms.) completed. |
| 3. | Baramati-Lonand | 54 | 138.48 | 11.50 | 7 | Final Location Survey completed. Land papers for Lonand-Phalton (27 kilometres) submitted to State Government. Bridge works taken up. |
| 4. | Panvel-Karjat | 28 | 137.96 | 130.58 | 3 | Work completed and commissioned. |
| 5. | Puntamba-Shirdi | 16.6 | 48.78 | 27.12 | 5 | Final Location survey completed. Land acquisition and minor bridges taken up. |
| **Gauge Conversion** | | | | | | |
| 1. | Akola-Purna | 210 | 245.5 | 38.74 | 25 | Earthwork and bridge work in progress. |
| 2. | Jabalpur-Gondia including Balaghat Katangi | 285 | 511.86 | 148.61 | 25.00 | Gondia-Balaghat (42 km.) section has been commis-sioned. Earthwork and bridge work taken up in balance length. |

| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 3. | Miraj-Latur | 374 | 515.57 | 220.46 | 35 | The work is being progressed in phases. Kurduwadi to Pandharpar (52 km.) and Latur-Latur Road (33 km.) completed. Earthwork and bridges taken up between Kurduwadi and Latur. Work has also been taken up between Miraj-Pandharpur. |
| 4 | Mudkhed-Adilabad | 162 | 220.00 | 102.42 | 30 | Adilabad-Kinwat (45 Km.) completed. Work on balance section is in various stages of progress and targeted for completion during 2006-07. |
| 5. | Secundera-bad Mudkhed & Jankham-pet-Bodhan | 269 | 382.69 | 296.96 | 21.06 | Project completed. |
| 6. | Solapur (Hotgi)-Gadag | 282 | 342.7 | 260.83 | 15 | Solapur to Bijapur (110 km.) section completed and commissioned. On Bijapur-Basavana Bagewadi (45 kms.) track linking completed. Track Work on Basavanabagewadi-Bagalkot taken up and targeted for completion during 2006-07. |
| Doubling | | | | | | |
| 1. | Diva-Kalyan | 11 | 70 | 48.70 | 17.30 | Earthwork and bridge work etc. in progress and targeted for completion during 2006-07. |
| 2. | Pakni-Mohol | 17 | 81.74 | 10 | 10 | Work taken up. |
| 3. | Pakni-solapur | 16.28 | 38.52 | 4.51 | 7.42 | Formation and bridges taken up and to be completed during 2006-07. |
| 4. | Panvel-Jasai-JNPT | 28.5 | 53.25 | 13.03 | 25 | Works of formation & bridges in advanced stages. Targeted for completion during 2005-06. |

*Surveys completed recently, falling fully and partly in Maharashtra*

| SI. | Name of the Survey No. | Kms. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Achalpur-Murtjapur-Yavatmal, Pulgaon-Arvi Gauge Conversion | 225 |
| 2. | Manmad-Dhule *via* Malegaon New Line | 98 |
| 3. | Dhule-Nardana-Shirpur New Line | 62 |

*The details of ongoing/New surveys for New Lines, Gauge Conversion falling and Doubling partly/fully in Maharashtra are as under*

| SI. | Name of the Project No. | Kms. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Durg-Nagpur 3rd line | 256 |
| 2. | Solapur-Tuljapur-Osmanabad new Line | 60 |
| 3. | Chinchwad-Roha New Line | 95 |
| 4. | Itarsi-Nagpur-Wardha-Ballarshah Doubling | 306 |
| 5. | Pune-Miraj-Kolhapur Doubling | 326 |
| 6. | Pandharpur-Lonand New Line | 145 |
| 7. | Ballarshah-Kazipet 3rd line | 192 |
| 8. | Wardha-Yavatmal-Pusad-Nanded New Line | 260 |
| 9. | Igatpuri-Bhusaval 3rd line | 3-8 |

*Surveys included in the Budget 2006-07*

| SI. | Name of the Survey No. | Kms. |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | Kalyan-Ahmednagar New Line | 240 |
| 2. | Veer-Harihareshwar New Line | 45 |

The projects which have been completed but appearing in the Budget for residual work and financial adjustments have not been shown above.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) Does not arise.